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EXAMINING GROUP 2872

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: A. Amari  
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: Group Art Unit: 2872  
Application No.: 09/866,587 )  
: Filed: May 30, 2001 )  
: For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ) July 7, 2003  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, the time for response having been extended from Friday, July 4, 2003, a Federal Holiday, to Monday, July 7, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116:

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